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TOWNSHIP OF WISE
Isabella County, Michigan

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GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION	
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AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT

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Local Government Type <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Local Government Name Township of Wise	County Isabella
Audit Date March 31, 2004	Opinion Date July 7, 2004	Date Accountant Report Submitted to State: July 7, 2004	

We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the *Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan* by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

We affirm that:

1. We have complied with the *Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan* as revised.
2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations

You must check the applicable box for each item below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 1. Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 6. The local unit has been delinquent distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during they year). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129.241). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 9. The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as required by P.A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95). |

We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.	X		
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).			X
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).			X

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Isabella County, Michigan

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

July 7, 2004

To the Township Board
Township of Wise
Isabella County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Township of Wise, Isabella County, Michigan, as of March 31, 2004, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Township of Wise's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Township of Wise, Isabella County, Michigan, as of March 31, 2004, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Township of Wise, Isabella County, Michigan. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Campbell, Kusterer & Co., P.C.

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Certified Public Accountants

TOWNSHIP OF WISE
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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

March 31, 2004

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	<u>Governmental Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Account Group General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>Total (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Agency</u>		
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash in bank	499 155 22	-	-	499 155 22
Land	-	-	50 399 51	50 399 51
Buildings	-	-	57 667 94	57 667 94
Equipment	-	-	33 735 41	33 735 41
Total Assets	<u>499 155 22</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141 802 86</u>	<u>640 958 08</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Equity</u>				
Liabilities	-	-	-	-
Fund equity:				
Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	141 802 86	141 802 86
Fund balances:				
Unreserved:				
Undesignated	499 155 22	-	-	499 155 22
Total fund equity	<u>499 155 22</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141 802 86</u>	<u>640 958 08</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>499 155 22</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141 802 86</u>	<u>640 958 08</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES EXHIBIT B
Year Ended March 31, 2004

	<u>Governmental Fund Type</u>
	<u>General</u>
Revenues:	
Property taxes	68 888 65
Nonbusiness licenses and permits	1 028 00
State revenue sharing	99 477 00
Interest	6 185 33
Special assessments	60 720 00
Miscellaneous	<u>206 365 93</u>
Total revenues	<u>442 664 91</u>
Expenditures:	
Legislative:	
Township Board	33 033 20
General government:	
Supervisor	12 890 95
Elections	22 53
Assessor	20 500 00
Clerk	11 927 71
Treasurer	11 604 44
Building and grounds	5 950 20
Board of Review	3 401 88
Cemetery	9 460 68
Public safety:	
Fire protection	23 134 77
Public works:	
Planning and zoning	14 577 84
Highways and streets	344 256 11
Drains	266 21
Sanitation	53 420 00
Capital outlay	<u>28 026 28</u>
Total expenditures	<u>572 472 80</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(129 807 89)
Fund balance, April 1	<u>628 963 11</u>
Fund Balance, March 31	<u>499 155 22</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND

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	<u>General Fund</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Revenues:			
Property taxes	64 681 00	68 888 65	4 207 65
Nonbusiness licenses and permits	715 00	1 028 00	313 00
State revenue sharing	109 000 00	99 477 00	(9 523 00)
Interest	5 000 00	6 185 33	1 185 33
Special assessments	56 170 00	60 720 00	4 550 00
Miscellaneous	<u>204 596 26</u>	<u>206 365 93</u>	<u>1 769 67</u>
Total revenues	<u>440 162 26</u>	<u>442 664 91</u>	<u>2 502 65</u>
Expenditures:			
Legislative:			
Township Board	44 601 00	33 033 20	(11 567 80)
General government:			
Supervisor	13 200 00	12 890 95	(309 05)
Elections	2 700 00	22 53	(2 677 47)
Assessor	20 800 00	20 500 00	(300 00)
Clerk	12 300 00	11 927 71	(372 29)
Treasurer	13 400 00	11 604 44	(1 795 56)
Building and grounds	11 000 00	5 950 20	(5 049 80)
Board of Review	3 700 00	3 401 88	(298 12)
Cemetery	40 431 25	9 460 68	(30 970 57)
Public safety:			
Fire protection	107 250 01	23 134 77	(84 115 24)
Public works:			
Planning and zoning	19 500 00	14 577 84	(4 922 16)
Highways and streets	511 645 00	344 256 11	(167 388 89)
Drains	2 000 00	266 21	(1 733 79)
Sanitation	80 675 00	53 420 00	(27 255 00)
Contingency	101 464 00	-	(101 464 00)
Capital outlay	<u>89 032 00</u>	<u>28 026 28</u>	<u>(61 005 72)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1 073 698 26</u>	<u>572 472 80</u>	<u>(501 225 46)</u>

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IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND

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	<u>General Fund</u>		<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(633 536 00)	(129 807 89)	503 728 11
Fund balance, April 1	<u>633 536 00</u>	<u>628 963 11</u>	<u>(4 572 89)</u>
Fund Balance, March 31	<u>-</u>	<u>499 155 22</u>	<u>499 155 22</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2004

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Township of Wise, Isabella County, Michigan, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

Reporting Entity

In accordance with the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement No. 14 "The Financial Reporting Entity," the general purpose financial statements of the Township contain all the Township funds and account groups that are controlled by or dependent on the Township's executive or legislative branches.

The reporting entity is the Township of Wise. The Township is governed by an elected Township Board. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Township as the primary government.

Basis of Presentation

The financial activities of the local unit are recorded in separate funds and account groups, categorized and described as follows:

Governmental Funds

General Fund

This fund is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The fund includes the general operating expenditures of the local unit. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, state and federal distributions, grants, and other intergovernmental revenues.

Fiduciary Fund

The Current Tax Collection Fund is used to account for assets held as an agent for others.

Account Group

General Fixed Assets Account Group

This account group presents the fixed assets of the local unit utilized in its general operations.

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March 31, 2004

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present revenues and other financing sources and, expenditures and other financial uses in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual which is both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures, other than principal and interest on long-term debt, are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Principal and interest on general long-term debt is recognized when due.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property taxes and revenues received from the State are recognized when susceptible to accrual. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available.

Property Taxes

Property taxes and other revenue that are both measurable and available for use to finance operations are recorded as revenue when earned.

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes become a lien on December 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on February 14 with the final collection date of February 28 before they are added to the county tax rolls. The Township 2003 tax roll millage rate was 2.9656 mills, and the taxable value was \$22,646,186.00.

Fixed Assets

Purchases of fixed assets for all funds are recorded as expenditures in their respective funds at the time of purchase. They are also recorded at cost in the General Fixed Assets Group of Accounts as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

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March 31, 2004

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Investments

Investments are stated at market.

Receivables

Receivables have been recognized for all significant amounts due to the Township. Allowances for uncollectible accounts have not been provided for in that collection is not considered doubtful and any uncollected amount would be immaterial.

Inventories

Inventories of supplies are considered to be immaterial and are not recorded.

Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave)

Township employees are not allowed to accumulate vacation and sick pay and therefore no accumulated amount is recorded in the financial statements.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these general purpose financial statements:

1. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the proposed budget for each budgetary fund is submitted to the Township Board for consideration.
2. The proposed budgets include expenditures as well as the methods of financing them.
3. Public hearings are held to obtain taxpayer comments.
4. The budgets are adopted at the activity level by a majority vote of the Township Board.
5. The budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
6. The originally adopted budgets can be amended during the year only by a majority vote of the Township Board.

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March 31, 2004

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (continued)

7. The adopted budgets are used as a management control device during the year for all budgetary funds.
8. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
9. The budgeted amounts shown in these general purpose financial statements are the originally adopted budgets with all amendments that were approved by the Township Board during the fiscal year.

Encumbrances

Encumbrances involving the current recognition of purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for future expenditures are not recorded.

Postemployment Benefits

The Township provides no postemployment benefits to past employees.

Note 2 – Deposits and Investments

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Township to deposit and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; banker's acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan.

The Township Board has designated two banks for the deposit of Township funds. The investment policy adopted by the board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in all investments authorized by state law as listed above.

The Township's deposits and investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

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Note 2 – Deposits and Investments (continued)

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, risk disclosures for the cash deposits are as follows:

	<u>Carrying Amounts</u>
Total Deposits	<u>499 155 22</u>

Amounts in the bank balances are without considering deposits in transit or uncleared checks.

	<u>Bank Balances</u>
Insured (FDIC)	200 000 00
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>300 372 21</u>
Total Deposits	<u>500 372 21</u>

The Township of Wise did not have any investments as of March 31, 2004.

Note 3 – Changes in General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	<u>Balance 4/1/03</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 3/31/04</u>
Land	25 370 19	25 029 32	-	50 399 51
Buildings	55 187 94	2 480 00	-	57 667 94
Equipment	<u>33 218 45</u>	<u>516 96</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33 735 41</u>
Totals	<u>113 776 58</u>	<u>28 026 28</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141 802 86</u>

Note 4 – Deferred Compensation Plan

The Township does not have a deferred compensation plan.

Note 5 – Pension Plan

The Township does not have a pension plan.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2004

Note 6 – Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors, omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased commercial insurance for property loss, torts, and workers' compensation claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 7 – Building Permits

The Township of Wise does not issue building permits. Building permits are issued by the County of Isabella.

Note 8 – Total Columns on Combined Statements--Overview

The total columns on the combined financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation, because interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

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GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY DETAILED ACCOUNT
Year Ended March 31, 2004

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Township Board:	
Trustees' wages	4 275 00
Payroll taxes	3 609 27
Dues	3 301 84
Printing and publications	2 898 69
Insurance	4 287 00
Office supplies	3 318 39
Contracted services	7 725 93
Repairs and maintenance	450 00
Miscellaneous	<u>3 167 08</u>
	<u>33 033 20</u>
Supervisor:	
Salary	10 100 06
Deputy Supervisor salary	1 500 00
Supplies	163 17
Transportation	778 22
Miscellaneous	<u>349 50</u>
	<u>12 890 95</u>
Elections:	
Miscellaneous	<u>22 53</u>
Assessor:	
Contracted services	<u>20 500 00</u>
Clerk:	
Salary	9 275 00
Deputy Clerk salary	1 500 00
Transportation	750 39
Education	395 00
Miscellaneous	<u>7 32</u>
	<u>11 927 71</u>
Treasurer:	
Salary	9 000 00
Deputy Treasurer salary	1 500 00
Office supplies	163 17
Transportation	381 27
Miscellaneous	<u>560 00</u>
	<u>11 604 44</u>
Building and grounds:	
Utilities	3 212 13
Repairs and maintenance	890 62
Street lights	<u>1 847 45</u>
	<u>5 950 20</u>

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Year Ended March 31, 2004

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Board of Review:	
Wages	3 220 00
Transportation	31 88
Miscellaneous	<u>150 00</u>
	<u>3 401 88</u>
Cemetery:	
Contracted services	910 00
Repairs and maintenance	7 750 68
Miscellaneous	<u>800 00</u>
	<u>9 460 68</u>
Fire protection:	
Board wages	900 00
Transportation	52 50
Contracted services	<u>22 182 27</u>
	<u>23 134 77</u>
Planning and zoning:	
Contracted services	12 476 00
Transportation	356 84
Education	920 00
Miscellaneous	<u>825 00</u>
	<u>14 577 84</u>
Highways and streets	<u>344 256 11</u>
Drains	<u>266 21</u>
Sanitation:	
Contracted services	<u>53 420 00</u>
Capital outlay	<u>28 026 28</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>572 472 80</u>

TOWNSHIP OF WISE
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES -
CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND
Year Ended March 31, 2004

EXHIBIT E

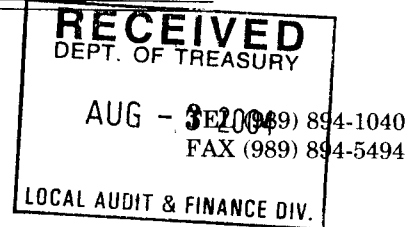
	<u>Balance</u> <u>4/1/03</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>3/31/04</u>
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash in bank	-	584 163 47	584 163 47	-
Total Assets	-	584 163 47	584 163 47	-
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Due to other funds	-	131 021 28	131 021 28	-
Due to other units	-	453 142 19	453 142 19	-
Total Liabilities	-	584 163 47	584 163 47	-

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AUDIT COMMUNICATION AND REPORT OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

July 7, 2004

To the Township Board
Township of Wise
Isabella County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Township of Wise, for the year ended March 31, 2004. As required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the independent auditor is required to make several communications to the governing body having oversight responsibility for the audit. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with additional information regarding the scope and results of our audit that may assist you with your oversight responsibilities of the financial reporting process for which management is responsible.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES

We conducted our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Wise in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. The following paragraph explains our responsibilities under those standards.

Management has the responsibility for adopting sound accounting policies, for maintaining an adequate and effective system of accounts, for the safeguarding of assets, and for devising an internal control structure that will, among other things, help assure the proper recording of transactions. The transactions that should be reflected in the accounts and in the financial statements are matters within the direct knowledge and control of management. Our knowledge of such transactions is limited to that acquired through our audit. Accordingly, the fairness of representations made through the financial statements is an implicit and integral part of management's accounts and records. However, our responsibility for the financial statements is confined to the expression of an opinion on them. The financial statements remain the responsibility of management.

The concept of materiality is inherent in the work of an independent auditor. An auditor places greater emphasis on those items that have, on a relative basis, more importance to the financial statements and greater possibilities of material error than those items of lesser importance or those in which the possibility of material error is remote.

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For this purpose, materiality has been defined as "the magnitude of an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would have been changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement."

An independent auditor's objective in an audit is to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter to provide a reasonable basis for forming an opinion on the financial statements. In doing so, the auditor must work within economic limits; the opinion, to be economically useful, must be formed within a reasonable length of time and at reasonable cost. That is why an auditor's work is based on selected tests rather than an attempt to verify all transactions. Since evidence is examined on a test basis only, an audit provides only reasonable assurance, rather than absolute assurance, that financial statements are free of material misstatement. Thus, there is a risk that audited financial statements may contain undiscovered material errors or fraud. The existence of that risk is implicit in the phrase in the audit report, "in our opinion."

In the audit process, we gain an understanding of the internal control structure of an entity for the purpose of assisting in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit testing. Our understanding is obtained by inquiry of management, testing transactions, and observation and review of documents and records. The amount of work done is not sufficient to provide a basis for an opinion on the adequacy of the internal control structure.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Auditing standards call for us to inform you of other significant issues such as, but not limited to, 1) Accounting estimates that are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements or because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments; 2) Significant audit adjustments that may not have been detected except through the auditing procedures we performed; 3) Disagreements with management regarding the scope of the audit or application of accounting principles; 4) Consultation with other accountants; 5) Major issues discussed with management prior to retention; and 6) Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

We have no significant issues, regarding these matters, to report to you at this time. Audit adjustments were minimal, and are available to review.

To the Township Board
Township of Wise
Isabella County, Michigan

GASB 34 IMPLEMENTATION

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued a new reporting model for governmental units which is to be implemented over the next few years. The implementation date of this pronouncement for the Township of Wise will begin with the year ended March 31, 2004, and will need to be implemented fully by March 31, 2005. The daily operations and recording transactions should not change significantly, however, the Township will be required to maintain additional records for the year end adjustments to the final presentation format.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING INTERNAL CONTROLS/ COMPLIANCE/ EFFICIENCY

Our procedures disclosed the following conditions that we would like to bring to your attention:

SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

A separation of duties between persons who authorize transactions and persons who have control over the related assets does not always exist.

The least desirable accounting system is one in which an employee is responsible for executing the transaction and then recording the transaction from its origin to its ultimate posting in the General Ledger. This increases the likelihood that intentional or unintentional errors will go undetected. In most cases, adequate segregation of duties substantially increases control over errors without duplication of effort.

We understand that due to the size of needed staff, a proper segregation of duties may be impractical and the "cost to benefit" relationship may not justify the addition of accounting staff to accomplish the desired segregation.

These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the audit tests to be applied in our audit of the Township's financial statements and this communication of these matters does not affect our report on the Township's financial statements, dated March 31, 2004.

SUMMARY

We welcome any questions you may have regarding the foregoing comments and we would be happy to discuss any of these or other questions that you might have at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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